

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

The broadcast flag can not discriminate fair use from pirating. thus the consumer will forfeit their rights to digital content.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? Proponents will not allow analog connection to legacy hardware. This will impede home recording of all types.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard? In addition to closing the analog hole to VCRs, the broadcast flag will make many current digital tv sets unusable.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options? The broadcast flag will marginalize electronics manufacturers that do not 'play along'. This means companies like Sony that produce both digital media content and the hardware to play it on have an unfair advantage. Promote competition and fight the trend toward media trusts.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment? The broadcast flag will increase the cost of digital consumer electronics.

Other Comments:

The current efforts to enforce digital rights will sacrifice our rights to satisfy the greed of media corporations.